

875—71.15 (89A) Authorized companies.

71.15(1) Each year, authorized companies shall train their elevator mechanics who perform safety tests on safety test procedures.

71.15(2) For each conveyance owned by an authorized company, the owner shall obtain the services of a CEI who is not employed by the authorized company or an inspector employed by the state to witness the safety test.

71.15(3) To become authorized to perform safety tests, a company shall submit a copy of its procedures for performing safety tests. The labor commissioner shall review the procedures for adequacy and shall request modifications to the procedures or grant or deny the authorization.

71.15(4) Every five years or within six months after the board adopts a new edition of ASME, whichever is earlier, authorized companies shall submit revised safety test procedures for renewal of authorization. The labor commissioner shall review the procedures for adequacy and shall request modifications to the procedures or grant or deny the authorization.

71.15(5) Investigations. Investigations shall take place at the times and in the places the labor commissioner directs. The labor commissioner may investigate for any reasonable cause. The labor commissioner may conduct interviews and utilize other reasonable investigatory techniques. Investigations may be conducted without prior notice.

71.15(6) Suspension. If the labor commissioner determines that a falsified safety test report was submitted by an elevator mechanic, the labor commissioner shall suspend the authorization of the elevator mechanic's employer for six months. During the suspension, all safety tests performed by any employee of the authorized company shall be witnessed by a state inspector or a CEI who is not employed by the suspended authorized company.

71.15(7) Suspension procedures.

a. The labor commissioner shall notify an authorized company of its suspension by certified mail or by other service as permitted by Iowa Code chapter 17A.

b. The authorized company shall have 20 days to file a written notice of contest with the labor commissioner. If the authorized company does not file a written notice of contest in a timely manner, the suspension shall automatically be effective. If the authorized company does file a written notice of contest in a timely manner, the hearing procedures in 875—Chapter 1 shall govern.

c. If the labor commissioner finds, pursuant to Iowa Code section 17A.18A, that public health, safety or welfare imperatively requires emergency action, the authorization may be summarily suspended.